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SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES: BELGIUM

REF: A. STATE 121253, B. STATE 158342, C. EC BRUSSELS 5555,  
D. BRUSSELS 4755

1. BELGIUM SIGNED CODE ON LAST POSSIBLE DAY, JUNE 30, 1975.  
ACCORDING TO DEBRUYNE, DIRECTOR FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS IN FONOFF,  
RATIFICATION PROCESS IS EXPECTED TO TAKE AT LEAST TWO YEARS.  
DEBRUYNE TOLD US THAT RATIFICATION WILL BE DELAYED WHILE BELGIUM  
AWAITS JUDGMENT OF EC AS TO COMPATIBILITY OF CODE WITH TERMS OF  
TREATY OF ROME (SEE EC BRUSSELS 5555). IN ADDITION, BELGIAN  
GOVERNMENT IS NOT PLACING HIGH PRIORITY ON SPEEDY RATIFICATION BY  
PARLIAMENT OF AGREEMENT WHICH HAS ENGENDERED SO MUCH CONTROVERSY.

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2. ON THE OTHER HAND, DEBRUYNE SAID THAT BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAD

REFLECTED CAREFULLY BEFORE DECIDING TO SIGN LINER CODE, AND  
REMAINS CONVINCED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF CODE IS THE ONLY  
REALISTIC COURSE IN VIEW OF GROWING BILATERALISM, AND POTENTIALLY  
ADVANTAGEOUS TO BELGIUM, WHICH NOW CARRIES LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT  
OF ITS FOREIGN TRADE IN BELGIAN FLAG SHIPS. FIRESTONE

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